

So the rainy days of summer are coming to an end and its back to school, and increased traffic on the daily commute! I hope you will enjoy this edition of the magazine as there is more information on what has been happening in the village and what is to come. Thank you to those who have responded to the question of change in the cover to the magazine, there was a definite positive response to change and thoughts that as this is a village magazine and not a church magazine that it should not be a photo of the church on the front. It is still a work in progress so watch this space!

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY

It seems almost inconceivable that this is being written for the September/October magazine! What happened to the summer, or am I just showing my age because time passes so fast?!

We've had a great summer for the club. Twenty of us visited Yasi in Romania in June, to celebrate the wedding of one of our members. A truly wonderful experience was had by everyone who was able to go.

On 23rd June we had a workshop at the village hall to introduce people to club members and show prospective new people what we get up to, along with teaching existing members how to make props as well. Our leaflet drop around the village had some success and if anyone wasn't able to come, please do contact the club and drop in to see what happens on a Friday night.

At the end of June we presented a Murder Mystery evening with a lovely 2 course buffet included. On this occasion members of the cast were seated within the audience, as everyone was there to celebrate Valentines night, at an intimate restaurant! Needless to say throughout the evening clues were dropped, motives were revealed and one of the actors was murdered in the mens bathroom. Very classy!! The audience appeared to have a fun evening and there were some very creative solutions put forward, as to who was responsible for this wicked deed. Keep your eyes open for posters advertising future events or look at our Facebook page.

By the time you are reading this, hopefully the next Pantomime will be cast and rehearsals about to start. Plans are, that we will be premiering a brand new version of Puss In Boots, written by local man Colin Barrow. It's never too late to get in on the act, as help is always needed with so many things. So please do contact a committee member or join us on a Friday night.

David Keating

ARE YOU A BADMINTON PLAYER?

Are you an experienced player, perhaps new to the area or maybe wanting to return to the game after a break? Culm Valley Badminton Club is looking for new members who would like to play non-league badminton for 2 hours on

Thursday evenings (7 to 9 pm). We play at the excellent Sports Hall at Uffculme School, using feathered shuttles.

For more details, ring **Peter Bowers on 01884 820256** or email **peterbowers88@btinternet.com**

CAMEO

We have certainly been out and about lately. The Singles group went to Blackdown Garden Centre on what must have been the hottest day of the year so far. We had a really good meal and then did some shopping it made a change from our usual Sunday meetings, but its back to normal again when we next meet at Joan's house.

There was another trip to the Smugglers Inn for lunch and a riverside walk in Dawlish. Twelve of us went to the Exe Cafe on the Petrocs campus for lunch which was cooked and served by the students at the Learning Disability Centre. They did a superb job with delicious food after which they all came out and introduced themselves and proudly told us which dishes they had made and they had a right to be proud too. They made us so welcome that we will certainly be making a return visit.

The Walking Group went on a circular walk around Budleigh Salterton with a picnic on the beach and a shorter walk along the Tiverton Canal towards Burlescombe. Their next walk will be to The Valley of the Rocks there will be a coach trip for all members on 19th September to Lynton leaving the Village Hall at 9.30am.

It is now time to get back to work planning our next big event which will be a Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th November raising money for this year's charity which is the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. We are hoping for the usual excellent support from you all.

We are starting another little project which will be coffee and chat mornings at various locations starting on Tuesday 2nd September at 10.30am at The Old Well and will be held each month.

The July meeting was great fun when our Speaker was Renee Harvey. We didn't quite know what to expect. Ms Harvey came along with lots of tap shoes and about eight brave souls learnt to tap dance. There was no chickening out! One taller member thought as she took a size 8 shoe she could get away with it! But no such luck as there were shoes to fit all sizes! After their lessons they managed to perform a dance to the other less brave ones! Well done girls. As so many members were either away or had visitors we did not meet in August. It's back to business in September when our Speaker will be the Devon Freewheelers. Mary Tancock has kindly offered to host our Christmas party in December. Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated) and begin at 7.p.m. If you would like to come along and see what we do you will be very welcome.

Betty Penberthy

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Let us start with some good news for most. As the result of representations made to the Parish Council you will see the footpath through the Jubilee Parish Field has been widened and resurfaced. This was paid for mainly from monies which were put back for enhancements to the field and a sum of money held by MDDC which had been collected from monies paid by builders of new houses within the village. An approach to DCC only resulted in us being told to ask the school to pay. The Parish Council would not do that as the school budget is under enough strain already. The path will allow people to pass one another easier, be better for buggies, wheel chairs and the like without having to go on the grass. It may mean some tolerance and patience being shown if the scooters and skateboards like the slight downhill gradient.

On the subject of the Jubilee Field it may be opportune to remind people that this is a community asset for use by the community. Certain organisations are seeking to use it for fundraising events and other village organisations would like to use it for fun days or similar events. This is making good use of the asset and no charge has been made to date although permission should be sought from the Parish Clerk as there are insurance issues. Some are bringing vehicles onto the field and we must ensure that no damage is caused to the surface by tyres or oils as at the end of the day it is for play. We did pour cold water on the idea of the fun fair going on there.

Grass cutting is still a concern within the village and several issues have been raised by the Parish Council and residents with our DCC and MDDC Councillors. Things are not totally right but in the main MDDC seem to be getting most areas under control. Hopefully some progress will be made to get on top of some of the hedges and growth that is obstructing the width of footpaths in places. Our thanks to ward Councillor Bob Evans who has tried to help things along by emailing and speaking to officers. Sadly, DCC are being DCC and we can all see the end result of their limited efforts. The Parish Council have arranged for a private contractor to come in and try and tidy things up a bit. They are not going to be able to work miracles at first visit as there is so much uncut long grass and weed. Where it has been cut we can all see the piles which have been left behind. To pay someone to clear up all the excess grass and remove it in one go would be too costly.

To those residents who have cut verges and overgrown vegetation in their areas we express a sincere thank you. Please keep it up but stay safe. This helps to keep areas of our village looking a bit better. A big thank you also to those volunteers who have planted up and weeded the flower beds as they are looking colourful at present.

In the last issue, the subject was raised as to the parish precept being raised in order to take on the grass cutting of the DCC areas of responsibility. The feedback has been very minimal so one has to take the view that no one has

any strong feelings. It will be discussed openly at our parish council meetings later in the year before the precept is set for next year so watch out for the agenda and if you have any views please let them be known.

Planning continues to be an issue with developers trying to take advantage of a government planning inspectors ruling that MDDC does not have a 5-year land supply. This seems to give developers an urge to try and apply to build houses on any bit of spare green land. There is plenty of approved land already but it seems that they do not want to build too many too quickly or else the price will go down – or is that me being cynical! Willand and the immediate area appears to be a prime target. More houses but little or nothing by way of improving the school and other village facilities. The bigger concern is the capacity of our roads to take the extra traffic as development this side of Cullompton and up the Uffculme straight are all going to contribute to increased traffic flows through the village.

Your Parish Council are making representations to appeal hearings in relation to another 30 houses on the Uffculme straight, the Local Plan at the end of September into the inclusion of Junction 27 for development and then in October the 259 houses between the village and the Esso Garage. At the time of writing no decision has been made by MDDC on the demolition and building 30 houses on the Esso Garage site. There is now an application to build 29 affordable homes on the field next to Ash Close. When you look at the detail a considerable number of the houses are for part ownership and so they will not be social rented properties as some may wish to indicate. Watch this space. If all this goes through the village will grow by over 20% with very little benefit to the village as a whole although no doubt some of our businesses will benefit.

Some dog owners are still letting their charges foul and are not clearing it up. The boss of the firm who did the work on the footpath managed to step in a pile right by the school gate. Rather him than one of the children but why should it be anyone. I watched a person enter the field with two dogs and they were let run. Whilst one was thrown a ball to chase the other was left to its own devices, visited all the posts for the trim trail and then went and peed on the slide as well. No control at all. There is a sign asking for dogs to be kept on leads but then I suppose it does not apply to some. How do you control four or five dogs when you let them off the leads and they go in all directions?

Moan over! But I have been taken to task for drawing attention to failings of certain council departments in some instances. Apparently some would have us believe that they are faultless and if they are wrong I should not say so. They seem to forget when I have made a point of praising individuals who have done a good job. Keep smiling Christmas will soon be here. **Barry G J Warren**

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

WILLAND OLD VILLAGE GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS

On Saturday and Sunday the 1st and 2nd July five gardens and the allotments welcomed 273 visitors over the sunny warm weekend raising a record £2,144 for Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie , Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Queens Nursing Institute, Perennial, Horatios Garden, Parkinson's UK and the MS Society. This is the fifth year we have opened for the National Gardens Scheme, raising a total of £8,256. A huge thank you to everyone involved, visitors, garden owners, volunteers, the village and church. We are thrilled at the success.

To keep interest and offer a worthwhile afternoon out, supporting so many worthy causes, we need to involve as many gardens as possible. The 2018 openings will be the weekend of the 9th and 10th June. We'd love to include more gardens of whatever size. Please contact **Dorothy Anderson on 01884 33415**

WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

The Trustees are pleased to announce some exciting news regarding the progress of the new Health & Community Centre project.

After many months of discussion, rethinking and attracting new Trustees, the project is now making excellent progress. A fresh building design has been proposed which some of you may have already seen together with a different floor layout. A number of local architects have been invited to tender for the work stages from conception to completion, and several bids have been submitted. From these a short list of three will be selected with the final successful architect being decided by the Trustees.

Additionally, new volunteer fund raisers have joined the management team. They each bring their own expertise to the challenging requirement of raising funds for the ongoing expenditure, and the all-important funding from grant agencies/societies to cover the main construction works, which is expected to be circa £800K. Application is being prepared for submission to the Major funders, part of the application concerns support from the Willand community, in consequence:

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR GRANT APPLICATION

In order to make the application for funding the construction of the new Willand Health & Community Centre , we have to demonstrate to the society providing the funds, that the WH&CC has the support of the people of Willand.

Can we just remind you that the new centre will bring to the village, the following facilities:

Modern Doctor's surgery, Relocation of Willand Pharmacy, Day care centre, Coffee shop/memory cafe, Treatment/ therapy rooms, Heritage/library centre, Meeting rooms & Learning centre

Very soon “Grant Support Forms” will be displayed in various Willand shops and enterprises, and also at the events being organised by the WH&CC and other Willand societies. Please take two minutes to complete them. On behalf of the Trustees, thank you. **Ken Wood – Project leader**

CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH GABLES ROAD

Everyone is welcome to any event. Worship is at 10.30 am every Sunday, good singing, a warm welcome and worshipping God together. There are some Special Services in September:

Harvest Festival on 17th

The 10th Anniversary of Cullompton joining with Willand Church with Rev Alan Taylor as guest preacher, he will also lead the 3pm service at Culmstock on 24th.

Date	Event	Time
Sunday	Service	10.30am
Monday	Willand Art Group	2pm - 4pm
First Friday of Month	Coffee morning and bring and buy	10.30am
Third Friday of Month	Soup and Something No cost all donations go to charity.	12.00 midday

COMMENTS FROM ONE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

As a new Parish Councillor, I thought I would contribute my thoughts on my first few months. I joined hoping to improve communication between residents and your local decision makers but was voted down on my first attempt. Although the Parish Council is often ignored/discounted by Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council your voices will have far more impact. Build relationships with the Councillors, they know who to deal with or can easily find it for you, contacts inside the front cover.

I see fly posting and advertising as increasingly distractive in the village. No-one minds charity notices for a week before the event but businesses could try an affordable advert in this very magazine.

I attended the Flower & Vegetable Show held Saturday 12th August, a well-run event by the Garden Club. Excited to see if any prizes given and happy to receive the Mrs Carter cup for Floral Arrangements. As for the rest of my entries I am very easy to beat. We now need all you gardeners to, at least, enter the Open classes if no time for meetings.

The Craft Market, another well run local event now has a place to give your feedback. Issues that came up on the 29th July besides dog mess and grass cutting included parking on grass verges, speeding and traffic noise. Oh, and a resident who works for MDDC objected to the magazine for printing lies about

MDDC- But everything printed can be evidenced. Speak up about issues that concern you, come and voice them on the 9th September.

My thanks to the editors, past and present, for a media that does not rely on computers. **Margaret Dennis**

SPICELAND QUAKER MEETING UFFCULME EX15 3AZ

On **Sunday 10 September**, Spiceland has its annual **Heritage Open Day**. The Meeting House and Grounds will be open from 2-5pm. Refreshments will be available during this time. Contact: Katie 01823 672301 Meeting **for Worship 10.30 – 12noon every Sunday**. Quaker Meetings for Worship are open to all. Quakers sit together in silent worship, receiving spoken Ministry when it is led. After Meeting for Worship, we have notices and refreshments. We are a small but active community. We hold events which are also open to all. **www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com**

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

We would like to welcome Mr Michael Hollings as a trustee. He has already proved himself an asset to the hall, with a number of good suggestions. We do still have some more vacancies for trustees if you are interested.

We have put a comments book in the kitchen. If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions (no rude ones please!), please put them down and we will see if we can help.

Our new doors are very secure, but are quite complicated to lock, because of new fire regulations. Please let one of us know if you need some instructions. We are asking users to come in via the front door now, unless the side rooms are being used at the same time as the main hall.

The Parish Council has agreed to fund installation of WiFi and its running costs for two years, so it will be put in as soon as we have received quotes. The connection will be very slow, as there is no capacity left in Willand for fibre connection. We will be monitoring its use to see if it is a viable proposition after the two years, as it will cost around £300 per annum to run.

We will be having some new lighting installed in the entrance hall, to make it a bit more welcoming. The internal hall doors should be fitted in October; then we will have the hall decorated, all of which costs a lot of money. Frances Wilcox is running monthly bingos to help funds. The next one is on 12th September, so why not come along? We have cash prizes for 10 games, 2 games with meat dinner prizes and a flyer with higher cash amounts.

The steps to the stage have handles fitted to the bottom riser for moving them without damaging the floor. Instructions were stapled securely to the steps, but someone has removed them. Whoever did this, please do not do it again, once new ones have been fitted.

Website: **www.willandmatters.org.uk/organisations** for our diary and community page. **Carol Allan Village Hall Treasurer**

REGULAR EVENTS AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL		
Pilates	Mondays	10:30 am
Purelesque Knitting Group	Mondays	2:00 pm
Cull. & Dist. Flower Club	1 st Monday	2:00 pm
Beavers (Term Time)	Mondays	5:30 pm
Cub Scouts (Term Time)	Mondays	7:00 pm
Kettle Bell Pump	Mondays	7:00 pm
Pilates	Tuesday	9:30 am
Seated Exercise Class	Tuesday	10.30am
W.V.H Bingo	2nd Tuesday	7.30 pm
Flower Arranging	3 rd Tuesday	1:15 pm
Gymnastics Club	Tuesday	4:00 pm
Tiny Tots (Term Time)	Wednesday	9:30 am
Indoor Bowls Club	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday	7:30 pm
Flower Arranging	Wednesday	1:15 pm
Pilates	Thursday	9:30 am
CAMEO	1 st Thursday	6:30 pm
Karate	Thursday	5:30 pm
WH&CC Quiz (Starts October)	3 rd Thursday	7.00pm
Folk Dance Club	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	7:30 pm
Parish Council Meetings	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	7:00 pm
Wits (Restarts 1st September)	Fridays	7:30 pm
The Story Frog (Starts 30 September)	Saturday	10.00am
Cowgirl Twisters	3 rd Saturday	7:30 pm
Folk Dance	2 nd Saturday	7:00 pm
Rugby Tots	Sundays	9:00 am
Martial Arts	Sundays	6:30 pm

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY

September				
Saturday	9 th	Crafty Market	W.V.H.	2.00 pm
Saturday	16 th	Culm Valley Model Railway Exhibition	W.V.H.	10.00 am
Saturday	23 rd	Garden Club Coffee Morning	W.V.H.	10.00 am
Saturday	23 rd	Tiny Tots Car Boot Sale	W.V.H.	2.00 pm
Saturday	30 th	WH&CC Quiz night	W.V.H.	7.00 pm
October				
Saturday	7 th	Charity Family Fun Day	W.V.H.	10.00 am
Saturday	14 th	Crafty Market	W.V.H.	2.00 pm
Saturday	14 th	Scouts Bingo	W.V.H.	7.00 pm



WILLAND
FOLK DANCE CLUB

We will soon be starting our 2017-2018 season of Club Nights and Saturday Dances. Our first Dance is on the 9th September in the Village Hall - 8.00pm to 11.30pm, and our first Club Night is on the 14th

September 8.00pm to 10.30pm, also in the Village Hall. Thereafter, Dances are on the Second Saturday of the Month and Club Nights are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We are a friendly, relaxed Club and welcome new members to any of our evenings. We have live music and our callers are very patient towards newcomers. No experience of dancing is required, so, why not come along and check us out and have some exercise in a friendly environment. **Marilyn Broom Chairperson**

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

A group of our members, plus Amber the dog, had a lovely day's outing to Marwood Hill Gardens in May, where we enjoyed lovely coffee and cakes, followed by a delicious lunch. The gardens are in need of some TLC, but are still very attractive. There are several lakes there, with extensive plantings of Astilbe and Primulas and also a good plant centre. Our speaker in July talked about the natural history of Dartmoor. He showed some lovely slides and we were amazed that there are so many species of animals and plants to be found there. In September we will be seeing some slides about South Africa and, in October, we will hear about Devon and Somerset wildlife. We have a coffee morning on Saturday, 23rd September, so please come along and support us.

We held our joint Flower and Vegetable Show with Samford Peverell on 12th August and had a good selection of entries, in spite of the recent rainy and windy weather.

Sylvia Statham won cups for most points in all classes and most points by a member for vegetables; Mrs M King from Sampford Club won the cup for most flowers, as well as certificates for the best flower arrangement and best flower exhibit; N Friendship won the cup for most points by a non-club member and shared the cup for most points for flowers by a non member with R Heard; R Heard also won the Bussell Cup for most points for vegetables by a non member; Mrs M Dennis won the cup for most points in Flower Arranging; A Thomas from Sampford had the Salter Cup for a member not having won a cup before and also received the Robert Bourne Shield for the best gladiolus; Mrs J Salter retained the cup for most points in the craft section; D Martin had the certificate for best veg exhibit for his tomatoes and his sweet peas took the Sealy Cup; B Carlson won the Foster Cup for best fuchsia and Mrs M Atherton took the Batchelor Cup for her foliage plant.

The Show will be held at Sampford Peverell in 2018, returning to Willand in 2019. It is open to anyone – you do not need to be an expert gardener. For more information, please contact me.

We meet in the Club Room at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from March to December and our subscription is only £3.50 a year. We do have room for some more members, so please come along. You can visit one meeting for just 50p, so you can see how we operate.

For more details about the Garden Club, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01884 33828 or email me on cbarwa@mail.com. Carol Allan Garden Club Secretary

WILLAND SCHOOL

The past few months of Willand School have been filled with many activities. Many classes have done many things and everyone has enjoyed them.

First of all, Year 6 has recently done a production called 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean'. They practised it for weeks before the performance. Teaching assistants made props, a teacher choreographed the dances, another teacher worked the lights, they both gave out the parts and two students in year six worked the music. The play was hilarious and everyone who watched said it was the best play they had ever seen at our school.

Year 6 also went to Dartmoor for three days. Those three days were filled with many laughs and having lots of fun! They travelled on a coach to Dartmoor and when they got there put their suitcases in their dorms. Whilst they were there they: went orienteering, had fun on a night walk, did some scrambling, weaselling was done too, adventurous rock climbing, played games outside the training centre, toasted marshmallows around a campfire, made dens, learnt how to light a fire and did archery! Overall they had an amazing time on the trip and were sad when they had to come back to Willand.

Year 5 (in preparation for the trip to Dartmoor they would do next year) went to Vivary Park to do the high ropes. During their trip they went on the high ropes,

the lower (but still high) ropes, challenge ropes that you could race other people on. Some people faced their fears and everyone enjoyed themselves! They also went on a climbing wall which was there too.

Year 3 and 4 went to Charmouth to do fossil hunting on a beach. The weather was lovely when they went and they found many fossils – which they were allowed to bring home with them. There were some professionals with them to help them find some and show them some ginormous ones that they had found in a previous search.

Year 2 went to Paignton Zoo for a trip! They learnt all about different animals and had lots of fun. They went for the day and some zookeepers taught them about the different animals and species. They also visited the church. They explored and learnt about different objects and what they meant to Christians. They went to the church in Willand for their trip. Archery experts also came in to visit year 2 and teach them how to shoot a bow and arrow. They practised aiming at targets and learnt many new skills. A tag rugby tournament was also held that some children in year 2 went to. They had loads of fun competing and made friends with other teams. An author visited them to read a book to them and tell them about being an author.

Year 1 visited the donkey sanctuary. They went for the day and had tons of fun. They got to groom and stroke donkeys. They learnt about them and ate their packed lunches too. They also did some outdoor education; this is where they learnt how to do different skills outside. They went into the environmental area to do this. Year 1 also had an author visit. The author read pirates stories to them while the children sat quietly on the carpet.

Reception has had a very busy first year! They went to Knightshayes and explored the gardens. They visited a forest to do activities with their friends and groups. They also had a visitor come in to talk about recycling. They made paper by recycling old and used paper! Reception walked to the Willand church to see the memorial which had all the people who had died in a war named.

They also had an author visit. The author was called Amy Sparks and she read her stories to the classes. Furthermore, they had some parents come in who had interesting or different jobs or religions. Someone's mum was a vet and she came in to talk to them about being a vet and working with injured and sick animals. Another child's dad came in to talk to the classes about being a fireman and how to deal with stressful situations like people's houses being on fire. Someone else's dad came in to talk to them about being a Muslim and the rules that he has to follow for his religion.

Overall, Willand School has been extremely busy and has had tons of fun during the year. Everyone has enjoyed everything they have done and want to have even more fun (if it is even possible) next year!

A DEVILISH QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30 START
TEAMS OF UP TO 6
£6 PER PERSON
INCLUDING PLOUGHMANS SUPPER
BRING YOUR OWN LIQUID REFRESHMENT
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

By Thursday 28 Sept.

Please mention any dietary requirements.

Call Liz 0759 164 7989

OR PREFERABLY EMAIL liz.whcc@gmail.com

~~RAISING FUNDS FOR WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE.~~



EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

Our "Love to Lift" weightlifting sessions proved very popular in June and July with 15 women trying out the sport for the first time. We will be running another series of these sessions for beginners in September and October. This is thanks to the £8756 we received from Sport England to help develop weightlifting in Mid Devon. Three of the women have started a Level 1 coaching course in Willand which is also part of this funding. If you know of any females who are aged 13-50 who would like to try out this challenging sport, please contact **James Marshall** on **james@excelsiorgroup.co.uk**

James Reed, one of our weightlifters, was selected to represent England Golf under-18s at a recent competition. James has trained with us for 2 years and is only 14. Dom Allen, another lifter, also got selected to represent England, this time for England Students, throwing the javelin.

Our summer athletics programme finishes with the Exeter Open at the end of August and we move to winter training in October.

Gymnastics resumes in September and we have spaces available for boys and girls from year 1 to year 10. Viridor have kindly donated £450 to the club to help us buy more equipment for the advanced moves we will be practicing. Willand United Charities donated £240 for club t-shirts for all our members which means they look very smart.

Mark Schultz, an Olympic Gold medallist in wrestling, recently told James “*I think parents should get all their kids in gymnastics from 3-13. It makes a "natural athlete" out of anyone. Then they can do any sport.*” Amen to that.

CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Yet again, by popular demand, kids can drive trains on our SOLDOR model railway layout. The little blue engine and his chums will be whizzing around the tracks driven by children (& adults) at our 9th Model Railway Show on SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. It is open as usual from 10am until 4.30pm. The cost is £4.00 for adults and only £1.50 for children. There is of course free parking and wheelchair access to most of the hall.

Bring your children (or let your children bring you) to let them have a drive of their favourite engines on our scenic Soldor model railway. There are 2 controllers so 2 children at a time can drive & there are also sidings for the older kids who would like to use their skill at shunting. For the younger ones push buttons allow them to drive the tram engine into a tunnel & then watch it come back from a different tunnel.

This is a great day out for families and will be super fun for visitors and club members alike.

Exhibition Manager, Malc Trump, has assembled 15 top quality layouts of different gauges, styles & era's. Whilst he tries to use local exhibitors, to ensure most layouts haven't been seen before he has cast his net as far as Gloucestershire and Berkshire this year.

Trade stands include regular Ray Heard who has two rooms covering top quality second-hand items at bargain prices in all the popular gauges, including overseas. The Burnham club have their private owner wagons covering most companies that traded by rail in the Devon & Somerset area. For the 4th year Keith's Bits & Pieces from Nailsea will be here selling – well bits & pieces of anything to do with model railways!

Excellent refreshments with bacon baps, hot dogs, pasties, sandwiches etc. as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available.

We hope to see you there on the 16th as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

For further information about the show or the club visit our webpage www.cvmrc.co.uk or phone Malc Trump on 01884 840369 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk

WILLAND SCOUT GROUP

All sections of Willand scout group have had a busy, adventure packed summer term with camping at Crealy starting the fun back in May.

Willand beavers (6-8 year olds) have been to the bear trail, bell boating on the quay in Exeter, pond dipping, playing sports such as rounders, making kites and having water pistol wars. Packing a lot of outdoor activities in whilst the weather has been good.

Willand cubs (8-10 ½) also went to the bear trail. Going canoeing and completing badge work which involved visits with the ambulance and police service. Practicing first aid and another fun night joining the Willand brownie group for a spy themed evening which was all good fun.

Willand scouts (10 ½ -14) have also had a packed term consisting of visits to the woods, building dens and exploring, shooting and archery, two water activities, dragon boating and raft building. They even had a night using axes for kindling and safety logistics.

We had a group night at Exmouth where many of the scouts, cubs and beavers bought not only a picnic but their families too. Football, cricket and rock pooling as well as a swim for the ones that dared all took place.

Upcoming events-

At the end of September we have planned a family camp locally, so that the families can come along and see what we do.

We have our BINGO night booked for the Saturday 14th October which we are independently running this time. We hope to see all our supporters from previous nights and new ones there again for a fun night for all ages to enjoy. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters nearer the time....

On November 25th we are again joining the Methodist church for a coffee morning in the village hall. It's a lovely event where all ages meet and share their views and ideas. Please come along and see for yourselves if you can join us between 10-12.

We will be joining in with the Church Remembrance and Christmas Services. Both events, we are proud to attend and enjoy taking part in.

We have spaces in scouts if anyone would like to come along and see for themselves what they do, you are more than welcome to contact me and I will forward your details to the leaders of the group. They meet on a Wednesday night at Halberton scout hut 6.30-8.30pm.

Willand beavers and cubs run on a Monday evening at the village hall and currently have waiting lists, but again please contact if you are interested in either group. We are always looking for helpers over the age of 18 to assist on the evenings and if you would like more information on what would be involved; please feel free to get in touch. **Liesa Milligan (beavers) 07999802679.**

Amnesty Concert



Friday 13 October
7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm)

Willand Church Hall
Rectory Close, Willand, EX15 2RH

Lots of MUSIC, and a little POETRY
Each year is a sell-out, with limited space,
so make sure you get your tickets
quickly!

Tickets £10, to include nibbles at the
interval

Licensed bar available
(tickets from 01884 839282 or 01884
821291)

In aid of **Mid Devon Amnesty International
Group**

[<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/>
<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/mid-devon>]

Craft & Food Fair

Supporting
Children's Hospice South West

Blundells School
Tiverton
EX16 4DN

Saturday 21 October 2017
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Admission £2 Children Free
Disabled Access Free parking
Refreshments



Information: 01884 855276 or
01884 257742

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DUKE STREET, CULLOMPTON, EX15 1DW
Registered Charity No. 270312

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Green Open Space in the middle of
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e.g. fun runs, classic car shows, dog shows,
fayres

We are a small charity run by volunteers
and there would be a hire charge
or request of a donation

Email us on:
contactus@cullompton-cca.org

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WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

STARTING ON THURSDAY 16TH
OCTOBER
AND THEN ON THE 3RD
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
A SMALL AND FRIENDLY

QUIZ

AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL,
COMMITTEE ROOM.
TEAMS OF UP TO 4 (the tables aren't
big enough for more)
TEA /COFFEE AT HALF TIME
START 7.30. £3 PER PERSON

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
CALL LIZ ON 0759 164 7989
EMAIL; liz.whcc@gmail.com



The Muddifords Cheese Run 2017

Grand Western canal 5 Mile

Sunday 8th October 2017

*Run, Jog or walk 5 miles along the canal to
muddifords court· raising core funds for the Exeter*

Dementia Action alliance·

SPONSORED By Wyke Farms, Ashfords Solicitors Tiverton, The Globe
Inn @ Sampford Peverell, Kingdom Coaches, Garden Quirks, Scoff
Catering & Halberton Farm shop.



To receive your registration/info pack for this event
please email: marketing@muddifords.co.uk or call
[01884 820023](tel:01884820023)

we can send you an online booking option too

Places will be limited so register now, closing date 1st September

There will be a family fun day for everyone taking part and their
families/friends at the finish line of Muddifords Court - bouncy castle,
band, food stalls and the bar from midday. Start point is Burlescombe
Village - Fossend Canal Bridge

CELEBRATION TREES

On the grass triangle opposite the Bluebell Restaurant is a Tulip tree planted nearly 50 years ago. The plaque is still there to show the planting of this special tree was to celebrate our Queen's silver jubilee. In June this year there were many pale yellow tulip-shaped flowers on the tree, a sight worth seeing.

Three Autumn Flowering Cherry trees were planted in 2012 to celebrate our Queen's diamond jubilee. One of the trees was planted at Willand Primary School and it has a plaque beneath it, and one was planted on the grass triangle referred to above, and one near the phone box in Silver Street. They are all thriving and hopefully the white blossom in autumn will be more profuse as they mature.

Meadow Park Wood (planted as a shelter belt for the original Gables)

Try and make sure to visit this wood which is in three parts. The entrance to the main part is in Meadow Park, and you are welcomed by an ancient Maple tree. The wood is owned and managed by the Woodland Trust on the basis of natural regeneration; you can see the under-storey growing up to replace the mature trees. Trees growing there include Ash, Oak, Wild Cherry, Sycamore and many Hornbeam (unusual in South West woodland). Around the adjoining field you will see ancient Oak trees in the hedges, a feature of the setting of Old Willand. Please support the Woodland Trust (a charity) in their management of our woodland and many others across the country.

Would you like to volunteer to be the next tree warden?

There are thousands of volunteer tree wardens throughout the country, supporting Parish and Town Councils to promote the appreciation and value of trees. I have reached the time to hand over to someone else after several worthwhile and enjoyable years as Willand volunteer tree warden. If you are interested please contact me or the Clerk to the Parish Council. Thank you.

David Ritchie Voluntary tree warden for Willand

NEWS from the FRIENDS of COLDHARBOUR MILL

For information about the Mill and its history, admission prices, volunteering opportunities, shop and products, or to book guided tours for school or adult groups, contact the Mill Office by phone on 01884 840960 (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm) or by e-mail: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk or view the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk.

SPECIAL EVENTS and ACTIVITIES - The Mill has two exhibitions on show.

“The Foxes: a Family Business” – fascinating insights into the development of the family that founded Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme and Tonedale Mill in Wellington.

Industrial Abstract Art – a work in progress by local artist Neill Ellis-Brookes – intriguing recycling of factory artifacts!

Forthcoming events -

16th September 2017 – Coffee Morning at Uffculme Village Hall, look out for posters with full details!

24th September 2017 – Steam Day. Open 10.30am-4pm with 100-year-old engines in steam from 11am! Displays of Model Railways & Dolls Houses, early textile machinery, the Puttee Story, the Millennium Tapestry. Special attractions for this Steam Day include vintage transport and the Tiverton Town Band. The Mill Gift Shop and the Friends Bookshop will be open and refreshments available in the Waterside Café. Free car park. A great day out for the whole family! See our website for details.

18th October 2017 – Quiz night at Uffculme Village Hall. Our usual great quiz courtesy of Peter Walter and supper. Admission £6 per person, please ring Jenny on 01884 243071 to book a table. Please bring your own soft or alcoholic drinks, tea/coffee will be provided with the supper

The Friends always need more members for their Committee. If you feel you could join our friendly group and help out with fund-raising events and on Steam Days, please ring Jenny (secretary) on 01884 243071. In addition, we need more Friends to join us in supporting the Mill. For a small annual membership you receive free entrance to the Mill on any day it is open and 10% discount on any Mill goods purchased. Again please contact Jenny.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – please help to make a difference at this unique heritage site! Volunteers are always needed for a range of activities including, repairs, painting, gardening, sweeping, helping with school visits, working in the Mill Office and as part of the Steam Group contact us on the number above.

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

The History Group recently received a query as to why the four houses of Parkfield Terrace on Station Road (built in 1890) are only numbered 3 to 6. Of course, there used to be another two houses, numbers 1 and 2, but these were demolished when the M5 Motorway was built in 1974/75. It is worth remembering that before housing developments filled in the gaps in Willand parish, Parkfield Terrace was once part of the settlement known as Tiverton Junction, which had grown up during the 1800s around the railway station of the same name (the station was located on the site now occupied by the vehicle yard on Lloyd Maunder Road). After the station was built in 1844, a long row of cottages was built opposite by local businessman, John Quant; at one end was a large house called Parkfield House, and the other end was the Railway Hotel (later Railway Inn). All of these were also demolished to make way for the motorway.

Before its demise, the Railway Inn was a popular Willand pub, often filled by market day farmers visiting the Tiverton Junction Livestock Market further up Station Road (now Market Place). Behind the pub was the Assembly Room, a

small hall accessed by a wooden staircase, which for many years served as a venue for dances, meetings, fund-raising events, club dinners, dramatic performances, and much more. During the Second World War it was used as an overspill classroom for Willand School, which had had its numbers bolstered by evacuees from Ilford School in Essex. Whenever dances were held there, the hall had to be reinforced by extra props downstairs in the skittle alley – such were the vigorous gyrations of exuberant Willanders, some of whom had no doubt been lubricated at the bar next door.

The late Joan Cotterill (nee Keen) recalled the Assembly Room in the 1930s when it, “was a very busy place with whist drives, Scout and Guide shows and special parties. New Year’s Eve was extra special and most of the village would attend. We were allowed to stay up late until the Old Year was seen out by a boy dressed up as Old Father Time who went out through the hall whilst the clock was striking and then a little girl dressed up in a pretty white sparkly dress came in at the end of the last twelve strokes depicting the New Year. Then we all sang Auld Lang Syne and off home to bed.”

Another function of the Assembly Room was as venue for Coroners inquests. For example, in January 1916 it hosted the inquest into the death of Fred Sayer, chief reporter of the *Tiverton Gazette*. He had been returning from Cullompton to Tiverton in the sidecar of a motorcycle ridden by 16 year-old Norman Parminter. As the motorcycle rounded the blind corner opposite Willand Methodist Chapel at the top of Gables Road (the notorious Woodlands Corner) it was confronted by an approaching traction engine. Parminter braked sharply. Sayer was thrown from the sidecar. As Sayer lay stunned in the road the wheel of the traction engine unavoidably crushed his head, killing him instantly. The body was carried to the Assembly Room, where the inquest was held later that afternoon by District Coroner Gould in front of a jury hastily made up of local men. After hearing evidence from several witnesses the jury returned the following verdict: “We find that it was a pure accident, and we attach no blame to anyone.” The brick wall on that corner was later remodelled to allow much better visibility.

It was a hundred years ago, in September 1917, that Lance-Corporal Anthony Beer, a ‘son of Tiverton Junction’, had a lucky escape on the Western Front whilst serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force; he had emigrated to Ontario, Canada, in 1911, although his parents still lived at 1 Parkfield Terrace. The *Devon & Somerset News* related with dramatic effect how, “He volunteered with three pals to rescue a wounded comrade in No Man’s Land. Shrapnel from the enemy’s guns was falling fast and thick, as the brave lads were about to start on their desperate venture, and, knowing not what fate might have in store for them, they read a chapter from the Holy Book, offered prayer, and sang the hymn ‘Jesus, Saviour, pilot me’. The night was dark and Death was hovering near. Almost immediately one fell lifeless; then another, and another. Beer was left alone. He succeeded in reaching the wounded man, and conveyed him within fifty yards of the British lines when he himself was struck by shrapnel.

Crawling along cautiously, he reached a dug-out, which was full of German soldiers, wounded, dying and dead. There he remained for 24 hours until the ambulance men found him, and brought him back into a dressing station.”
James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)

ST MARY’S CHURCH

Autumn term is always a busy time at St Mary’s with groups and clubs starting again after the holidays, Rockers (baby & toddler group) starts 11 September, St Mary’s Guild (Ladies Fellowship) 2.30pm 14th September and Lunch Club (for seniors) 12.30pm 20th September. If you’d like to know more about any of these groups, please do get in touch.

Autumn also brings Harvest time, a wonderful time to pause and reflect on all God has given us. St Mary’s Harvest Festival will be Sun 1st October at 10.15 and All Saint’s Bradfield Sun 8th October 6.30pm. At both these services there will be an opportunity to give dried, tinned, packet food to our local Food Bank run by CHAT in Tiverton. **Rev Simon Talbot, Rector St Mary’s Willand**
Tel: 562570 email: simon@thetalbots.org.uk

WANT TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD UNWANTED HEARING AIDS AND BATTERIES

Paul Wood of The Rotary Club of Birmingham has collected over 34,000 hearing aids to date to help children in the developing world with impaired hearing. Hearing aids and in date batteries are extremely useful to those who would otherwise have little or no prospect of getting any help with their hearing problems. Hearing aids are extremely costly to purchase and have no second hand value in the UK as they cannot be recycled here, but hopefully it is of some consolation that anything sent will be found a good home where it will be much appreciated.

Please post in a Jiffy Bag or similar envelope to:-

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The Old Byre
1 Meadow Farm
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Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire
CV37 0HG

Please also add your email address or address so that receipt can be acknowledged. Cases or instruction manuals are not needed thank you for your support.

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